

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to recognize Felicity Peck for her dedication to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Felicity Peck is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peck volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA), and over the last fifteen years, she has advocated for thirty-nine abused and neglected children from eighteen families, ensuring that these children find safe, permanent homes so they have access to healthy and constructive lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peck is proactive and goes beyond her duties as a volunteer for CASA, and she has traveled all over the State in order to ensure the safety and happiness of the children for whom she advocates; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peck is a direct proponent and embodiment of the mission of CASA; and

WHEREAS, originally from the United Kingdom, Felicity Peck has a history of caring for children in need; she trained as a nanny at the National Children's Homes and Orphanages, attended lectures at Croydon Technical College, and passed the national exam, which focuses on child health, child education, and child psychology; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with CASA, Mrs. Peck dedicates her time to two separate boards of the Davidson County Foster Care Review Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Peck also won the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Award in 2014 for her work with CASA; and

WHEREAS, outside of her volunteer work, Felicity Peck is an ordained minister at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Antioch, and she feels that her role as vocational deacon directly coincides with her role at CASA; and

WHEREAS, the most vulnerable children of Tennessee have been blessed by the "adventure" that brought Mrs. Peck to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peck epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Felicity Peck is most grateful for the love and companionship she shared with her husband of forty years, Herb Peck, now deceased; the couple has one son, Timothy, and one granddaughter, Katherine; and

WHEREAS, Felicity Peck is a model citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Felicity Peck for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.